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#### Search For Missing Work Release Inmate

(SIOUX FALLS, S.D.)- Department of Corrections staff members and local law enforcement are searching for a missing state prison inmate in Sioux Falls.

Inmate Geoffrey Peterson failed to return to Unit C, the minimum-security unit of the Jameson Annex to the South Dakota State Penitentiary, from his work release job in Sioux Falls this evening.

Peterson is a 43-year old Native American male with dark hair and brown eyes. He is 5-foot-11 inches tall and weighs approximately 215 pounds.

Peterson is currently serving a 10-year sentence with 5 years suspended from Minnehaha County for fifth-offense DWI.

Anyone who sees Peterson or knows of his whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

There are more than 900 minimum-security inmates housed across the state. Nearly 200 of those inmates are on work release status, including 74 in the Sioux Falls area.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.